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[54] **METHOD OF CROSSLINKING AMINO ACID CONTAINING POLYMERS USING PHOTOACTIVATABLE CHEMICAL CROSSLINKERS**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A method for molecularly crosslinking amino acid containing polymers by photoactivating chemical crosslinkers which have been combined with the polymers. Collagen crosslinked by this method can be used as a bioadhesive for sutureless closures of the skin and eye or as a superhydrated material for contact lenses, moist bandage contact lens, lens or corneal implant material, or as a drug delivery mechanism.

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